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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6975

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: TPHY OSCI EG
SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/HRA - VISIT OF EXPERT GROUP IN HEALTH MANPOWER

REF: STATE 235237

1. DR. BENNETT, PROJECT HOPE, ADVISES THAT HE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM DARL STEPHENS DHEW/HRA ON OCTOBER 2 CONTAINING SAME INFO AS REFTTEL; I.E. MISS SCOTT'S OBJECTION TO RESERVATIONS AT ATLAS HOTEL AND FACT THAT SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCOMPANY TEAM IF RESERVATIONS AT FIRST CLASS HOTEL NOT SECURED.

2. EMBASSY FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND COMPLETELY SHARES DISAPPOINTMENT OF US TEAM AND EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS THAT IMPOSSIBLE HOTEL SITUATION IN CAIRO HAS RESULTED IN NECESSITY PLACE ENTIRE GROUP AT ATLAS INSTEAD OF MORE DESIRABLE SURROUNDINGS. OUR BEST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF EL-KHOLI FAILED TO PRODUCE BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS THAN ATLAS, WHICH IS, HOWEVER, FULLY OPERATIVE AND ACCEPTABLE HOTEL. THIS IS SITUATION WHICH MANY VISITORS TO EGYPT HAVE LEARNED TO ACCEPT. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO IMPROVE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, BUT FRANKLY PROSPECTS ARE NOT BRIGHT.

3. BENNETT SAYS HE COULD PERHAPS SECURE ROOM AT HILTON BY MEANS OF LE 50 BRIBE. WE HAVE ADVISED HIM NOT TO DO SO SINCE IT IS NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR APPROPRIATE IN THIS CASE AND WOULD SET A VERY UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE MISS SCOTT TO ATTEND, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT APPEARS HER PRESENCE IS VITAL
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TO TEAM MISSION. IF, HOWEVER, SHE DOES NOT WISH TO, WE

RECOMMEND THAT TEAM STILL COME AS PLANNED; MISS SCOTT CAN BE
BRIEFED WHEN TEAM RETURNS.
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